REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Transmittal

| Application # | 09/856,358 |
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| Confirmation # | 6873 |
| Filing Date | 22 May 2001 |
| First Inventor | KEZUKA et al. |
| Art Unit | 1765 |
| Examiner | Umez Eronini |
| Docket # | P07223US00/BAS |

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

RCE practice does not apply to any utility application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

| | Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114 | with the F | ne RCE is proper, any previously fi RCE will be entered in the order in e (with a separate Request). | | | | | |
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| X Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered by the PTO as a submission even if this line is not checked. | | | | | | | | |
| Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on Other: Enclosed | | | | | | | | |
| Amendment/Reply Information Disclosure Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Other: | | | ure Citation | + | | | | |
| | Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of * months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37CFR§ 1.17(i) required) Other: | | | | | | | |
| FEES: calculated below (after reduction for an amendment if noted above). | | | | | | | | |
| | | NOW | Basic/Previous Number | Present Extra | Rate | <u>\$</u> | | |
| | TOTAL CLAIMS | 16 | - 20 | 0 | X \$ 18 = | | | |
| | INDEP. CLAIMS | 1 | - 3 | 0 | X \$ 86 = | | | |
| X RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) \$ 770 = | | | | | \$ 770 = | 770 | | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | CULATIONS = | 770 | | | |
| Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant | | | | | | | | |
| Extension of time fee Other fee for Subtotal = + \$ = | | | | | 770 | | | |
| | | | | TOTAL OF A | LL FEES = | \$770.00 | | |
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- A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed. If no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.
- In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted but it is not filed herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

Date: 22 December 2003

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| ••••• | Translation of Ap | plication | _ sheets of formal drawings | | | |
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